invaluable forum for advancing the inter-relationship between trade and development, from both the national and international perspective, across the three pillars of its mandate viz., independent policy analysis, technical assistance and consensus building; should continue its work and provide necessary inputs to the developing countries.

Autonomy of DD/AIR

†*93. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that autonomy of Doordarshan and Akashwani has been constantly on decrease despite the existence of the Prasar Bharati since the last few years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that as a consequence thereof there has been considerable degradation in the quality of its programmes; and

(c) if so, what action Government are taking to make Doordarashan and Akashwani autonomous and independent?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India), which has been established under the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990, enjoys the powers and functions as defined in section 12 of the said Act. There has been no degradation in the quality of its programmes and the allocation of funds for programme activities has also gone up over the years.

Violation of Master Plan

*94. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority has violated the Master Plan;

(b) whether the Master Plan was mandatory; and

(c) whether any court case is pending against such violation?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Master Plan is a mandatory document prepared under the Delhi Development Act, 1957. Presently Master Plan of Delhi-2001 is in force. Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported

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that it has not committed violation of the Master Plan. Whenever petitions have been filed in courts alleging violation of Master Plan, the DDA has filed its response in the courts clarifying its stand.

Adopted Child Home Scheme

†*95. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Adopted Child Home Scheme' is not operating successfully so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the said scheme is not making any progress due to carelessness of the voluntary organizations?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) There is no such Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Incentives for export of foodgrains

*96. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new foodgrain export policy;

(b) the incentives given to exporters under the new policy; and

(c) the steps proposed for special thrust on wheat and rice exports?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) A new foodgrain export policy is being formulated. It is an advanced stage of consideration in the Government of India. The details and incentives under the scheme are yet to be finalised.

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